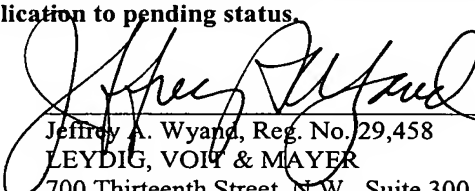


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371 AND 37 CFR 1.491</b>		CLIENT REF. NO. CV/MMA/52550  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/530711</div> U.S. APPLICATION NO.
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/03005	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 10, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 11, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION SWIVEL JOINT SYSTEM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jean-Pierre GHILARDI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.		
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3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)).		
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).		
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul>		
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)).		
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul>		
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9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).		
11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)</li> <li>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies</li> </ul>		
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13. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.		
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.		
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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76		
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